Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*:
A statement containing the required particulars is appended. *(Appendix II.)*

FIELD OFFICERS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTH AND YARN

50. Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) how many Field Officers are there for the distribution of cloth and yarn in the State.
(*b*) the number of such Field Officers in each Taluk;
(*c*) the area of each Taluk?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*:
(*a*) There are at present two Distributing Officers, one for the Northern Division and the other for the Southern Division, with head-quarters at Trichur and Ernakulam respectively. There are also 16 Field Officers and three Assistant Field Officers.
(*b*) and (*c*) *(Appendix III.)*

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur)*: May I know, Sir, how many Field Officers are there in Mukundapuram and Cranganur?

Mr. President: That information is given in the appendix.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur)*: Mukundapuram and Cranganur together 3. That is the information given.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: They have not been separately alloted. The areas are so very contiguous.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur)*: May I know whether there is only one village which is the jurisdiction of the Cranganur Field Officer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur)*: May I know why there is this disparity in the distribution of Field Officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: It is according to the work that the Field Officers are alloted.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur)*: Is it the case that Mukundapuram Taluk the biggest in the State, 500 sq. miles, need only two Field Officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: No complaints has hitherto come to the notice of the Government that the number is insufficient. It is for the Head of Department to report if he wants more and generally he writes if he wants more hands in any particular locality. If he makes the report the Government will consider.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur)*: Will the Government enquire whether there is great difficulty experienced by the people.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes. The Government will enquire.

CLERICAL ATTENDERS' POSTS CARRYING PAY LESS THAN Rs. 25

51. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) in which departments of the Government are there clerical or attenders' grades carrying a permanent pay of less than Rs. 25 per month;
(*b*) how many hands are there in each such department;
(*c*) what will be the additional annual cost of converting all these posts to the grades of Rs. 25 to 40?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*:
(*a*) & (*b*) Please see separate statement apppended. *(Appendix IV.)*
(*c*) This would involve an additional average cost of Rs. 54 lakhs per year plus leave and pension charges of Rs. 13 lakhs.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: What is the minimum qualification of these people?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: School Final.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: I find there are 20 persons in the Village Courts on Rs. 10. Is it correct?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes. That is correct.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: Do the Government think that it would be advantageous to pay the School Final at the rate of Rs. 10 per mensem.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* Yes. There is force in the Hon'ble Member's point. But as the rules stand now the pay of these posts is only Rs. 10.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* What are the duties that they discharge?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E *(Secretary to Government):* They are copyists.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur):* Cannot these rules be amended?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B E. *(Secretary to Government):* Of course, there is a question of general revision of salaries in all departments and pending. All these individual questions will be considered then.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Including the salaries of the Secretaries to Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know what are the duties of these people?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* They are mostly copyists.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Correctly copying copies of the documents, is that not the work?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Have the Government got at least a rough idea of the cost of living just now?

Mr. President: Order, order. I don't think that arises out of this question.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Do the Government believe that with the Rs. 10, Rs. 14 and Rs. 15 these people can maintain themselves?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* It is supplemented by the dearness allowances which are given on a liberal scale?

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* What is the liberal scale?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* Rs. 16.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* What is the amount of increase in the cost of living?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* It is worked out on the basis of that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Government is aware that this payment (Rs. 10 in certain cases Rs. 14 and in certain other cases the bigger sum of Rs. 15) is conducive to the prevalance and practice of corruption among these officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* Such question is not really fair to the officers concerned.

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member has had his answer.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Do the Government believe or think that this 54 lakhs of rupees is too enormous an amount that they cannot now think of givin increased salary.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* This one point is going to be dealt with separately. It might be possible to provide for that expenditure in the next budget but there are several other items also which are equally desrving consideration and therefore it was thought that all these may be taken together in the general revision of salary.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Of this is the suggestion of the House will the Government consider that?

Mr. President: That is a hypothetical question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether this small pay has been responsible for the long delay in the grant of copies.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are the Government aware of the long delay for the grant of copies especially in Judicial Courts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Do the Government think that it is a disgrace that these servants are paid so low?

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Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member is asking for an expression of opinion and not for information.

UNEMPLOYMENT ON ACCOUNT OF DEMOBILISATION

52. **Mr. P. M. Mayan Kutty** *(Mattancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—
have the Government prepared any statistics to show how many people of the State will be thrown out of job as a result of demobilisation ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*:
Statistics have not been compiled.

Mr. P. M. Mayan Kutty *(Mattancheri)*: Have the Government any idea of preparing one before long?

Rama Varmha Tampura, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: We are collecting statistics with regard to some of the demobilised officers.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: May I know the number discharged from Cochin Ports?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: I have no information.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: The number discharged from the factories?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: No information.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: Have the Government got the figures showing the number discharged from the Labour Forces of Assam and Trincomale?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes. About 40,000 people had gone. Almost all of them will be disbanded soon.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: May I know whether it will not be possible for the Government to have the statistics of the discharged labourers from the Port of Cochin?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: It is not possible for the Government to collect statistics of the discharged people from the Port of Cochin.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: May I know whether the Government have got any scheme for absorbing these 40,000 labourers?

Mr. President: Order, order. That question does not arise out of this which simply sks whether Government have statistics.

NATIONAL WAR FRONT IN THE STATE

53. **Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan** *(Urakam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the name of the leader of the National War Front in the State on 1st Karkadagam 1120 ;

(*b*) the names of Officers in the National War Front who draw allowance or pay exceeding Rs. 50 p. m.;

(*c*) whether Government propose to abolish the National War Front in the near future ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) M. R. Ry. T. K. Nayar Avl.

(*b*) A list of Officers drawing allowance or pay exceeding Rs. 50 per mensem as it stood on 1st Karkadagam 1120 is appended ; *(Appendix V.)*

(*c*) The National War Front Movement has been abolished.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: What are the allowances paid to these officers, each one of them?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: Rs. 75 for each Divisional Organiser.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: May I know who were the Divisional Leaders?

Rarma Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: May I know the who all were the Divisional Leaders when he organisation was first started?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur)*: May I know whether Puthur Achyuta Menon a member of the ministerial party was not a Divisional Leader of the National War Front?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: Really I do not know. I want notice.

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APPENDIX IV

(Please see answer to Question No. 51)

No.	Name of Department	No. of posts	Existing grades	Additional cost involved per annum
1.	Land Revenue Department	2	20	390
		5	20—30	525
		7		
2.	Agricultural Department	6	15—20	1,260
3.	Panchayats	1	20	195
4.	Village Courts	47	15	
		7	14	
		20	10	
		74		20,154
5.	Excise	4	20	780
	Salt	1	15—20	210
		5		
6.	Stamps	1	15—20	210
7.	Forest	4	15—20	840
8.	Tramway	1	15—20	210
9.	Huzur	2	20—30	
		5	20—30	930
		1	20	
		8		
16.	Public Health	2	20	390
		10	15—20	2,100
		12		
17.	Printing	2	15—20	
		2	15	1,809
		1	20	
		4	15—25	
		9		
18.	Public Works	1	15—20	210
19.	Industries	1	20—25	345
		1	20	
	Do. (Transferred)	1	20—25	
		19	20	4,110
		1	15	
		23		
20.	Income tax	5	20	975
				53,538

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10.	Special Palace Office	1	15—20	210
11.	Finance and Accounts	3	20	1,005
		2	15—20	
		5		
12.	Law and Justice—			
	Civil Justice — Law Department	2	20—30	210
	Civil Justice — High Court	1	20—30	105
	Civil Justice — Process Establishment	8	20—25	1,200
	Civil Justice — Copyists	7	20—25	1,050
		31	20	6,045
	Criminal Justice—			
	Clerks	1	20—25	150
	Examiners	7	20—25	1,050
	Copyists	11	20	2,145
		68		
13.	Police	1	20	195
		2	20	390
		3		
14.	Education	4	20	780
		6	15—20	1,260
		1	15—20	210
		1	20—25	150
		12		
15.	Ayurveda	1	15—20	210
		6	15	1,530
		7		

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APPENDIX V

(Please see answer to Question No. 53)

List of Officers in the National War Front drawing allowance or pay exceeding Rs. 50 per mensem as it stood on 1st Karkadagam 1120

1.	Rama Varma (Appan) Thampuran	..	War Publicity Officer and State Organiser.
2.	Mr. M. K. Devassy, B. A., B. L.	..	State Assistant Organiser.
3.	,, K. S. Panicker, M. L. C.	..	Divisional Organiser (North).
4.	,, K. M. Ibrahim, B. A.	..	Division Organiser (South)
5.	,, Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon	..	Lady Organiser.
6.	,, Mr. K. W. Gopala Marar	..	Head Clerk.